

HOUSE BILL No. 1012

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-18-2-30.2; IC 16-32-4.

Synopsis: Autism spectrum disorder certification card. Requires the department of health, upon request, to issue a certification card indicating that an individual has been medically diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder. Allows the department to charge a fee for the certification card.

Effective: July 1, 2016.

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January 5, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.



Second Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2016)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-30.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
2 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016]: **Sec. 30.2. "Autism spectrum**
4 **disorder", for purposes of IC 16-32-4, has the meaning set forth in**
5 **IC 16-32-4-1.**

6 SECTION 2. IC 16-32-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
7 A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
8 1, 2016]:

9 **Chapter 4. Autism Spectrum Disorder Certification Card**
10 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "autism spectrum disorder" has**
11 **the meaning set forth in the most recent edition of the American**
12 **Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of**
13 **Mental Disorders.**

14 **Sec. 2. (a) Upon the request of:**
15 **(1) an individual who has been medically diagnosed with**
16 **autism spectrum disorder;**
17 **(2) the parent or guardian acting on behalf of an individual**



1 who is described in subdivision (1) and is a minor; or
2 (3) the parent or guardian acting on behalf of an individual
3 who is described in subdivision (1) and is an incapacitated
4 person (as defined in IC 29-3-1-7.5);
5 the department shall issue a certification card indicating that the
6 individual has been medically diagnosed with autism spectrum
7 disorder.

8 (b) The:

9 (1) certification card issued under this chapter; and
10 (2) individual's driver's license (as defined in IC 9-28-2-4) or
11 identification card (as defined in IC 9-13-2-74.5);
12 may be presented to a law enforcement officer, as necessary.

13 (c) The department shall adopt rules concerning the information
14 that must be submitted to obtain a certification card under
15 subsection (a).

16 Sec. 3. The department may charge a reasonable fee, as
17 determined by the department, for a certification card issued
18 under this chapter.

